

The Albuquerque Museum's 25th Annual Car Show

“Celebrating 100 years of Model T Ford”

**Sunday, May 17, 2009
10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

One of Albuquerque's largest car shows takes place every May at The Albuquerque Museum of Art & History.

On Sunday, May 17 car lovers will gather for the *25th Annual Albuquerque Museum/New Mexico Council of Car Clubs Automobile Show*. Hundreds of antique, classic, exotic and sports cars will be on display in the museum parking lot along with trucks, motorcycles and vintage camper trailers. This year's honored vehicle will be the Model T Ford—100 years old in 2009, and many Model T's will be on display.

Spectator admission to the one-day car show is free. Visitors are also welcome to experience art and history treasures inside the Museum, including a special model, toy vehicle and auto art exhibition in the Museum's Special Events Room.

The cost to display a vehicle is \$10.00. Registration takes place from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. on the day of the show. Participants do not have to be a member of the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs to exhibit a vehicle or to be eligible to win an award.

The New Mexico Council of Car Clubs (NMCCC) represents over 3000 members in more than 60 Car Clubs throughout the state of New Mexico. The Council promotes the automotive hobby and serves as a clearinghouse of information. NMCCC hosts several annual events and is involved in preservation, restoration, and legislation at local, state and national levels. The Council co-organizes the Car Show with the Museum each year.

HISTORY OF THE NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF CAR CLUBS (NMCCC)

The Beginning:

After discussing the idea of a Car Council with several Albuquerque car clubs, a preliminary meeting was held at the home of Jim and Joyce Clements. Joe Jones of the Hudson Club helped to contact clubs and set up the meeting. Clubs present at that meeting were the Albuquerque Street Rod Club, Albuquerque VMCCA, Buick Owners Club, Classic Chevrolet Club, Hudson Owners Club, Poco Quatros Model A Club, Tumbleweed V-8 Club, and the Walter P. Chrysler Club. The date was October 19, 1977. The original intent of the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs was to form a group that could cooperatively sponsor a Swap Meet and a Car Show, set up a Calendar of Events for all clubs involved, become self-supporting, serve as a clearinghouse of information and legislation for the car hobby, and promote the car hobby to the general public. Dues were to be a one-time charge of \$10.00. Bylaws were drawn up and approved, and the Council had its first official meeting on January 25, 1978. Research was done to find all car clubs in the state who were interested in participating, and the Council rapidly grew to over 20 clubs. By March of that year,

the Council had graduated to meeting at the Honeywell Building on Carlisle Blvd., instead of representatives' homes.

Car Show:

The first Car Show was held at the State Fairgrounds on May 28, 1978. A \$1.00 entry fee was charged to car owners, and \$1.00 was charged to spectators. A total of 130 cars were in the show, and the Council took in over \$1,000.00. When the Fairgrounds priced out the Car Council, the show moved to The Albuquerque Museum, where there was no fee to the Council nor a charge for spectator admittance. Now in its 25th year at The Albuquerque Museum, the show has grown to over 400 vehicles and is held every year on the Sunday of the third weekend in May.

Swap Meet:

The Swap Meet is an outdoor event where auto hobbyists buy, sell and trade auto parts and accessories. Sellers rent space and sell their own merchandise. The first Swap Meet was held at the Fairgrounds in October 1978. Over 200 spaces were sold, and the Council profited \$303.70. Still free to the public, the Swap Meet moved from the Fairgrounds a few years later and is now held in Los Lunas at Morris Field the last weekend in September. The Meet has grown to over 400 spaces and continues to be profitable for the Council, helping the Club to promote auto events.

All Clubs Picnic:

The Council also sponsors an "All Clubs Picnic" each summer, usually involving an out-of-town drive. All members of all member clubs are invited to participate.

Also Currently:

The New Mexico Council of Car Clubs is now over 30 years old. It has developed a tradition of rewarding clubs and individuals who provide manpower at Council events with lunches and dinners. The Council also contributes advertising for member club events and other events that promote the automotive hobby. A calendar of events is sent out monthly via mailed newsletters, and more frequently by e-mails. Web site is <http://nmcarcouncil.org/>. Several members are working with the State Legislature to keep legislation positive to the hobby on the forefront and rejecting any legislation that has a negative impact.